



Las Pilitas Quarry Draft EIR Questions

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This letter is intended for the San Luis Obispo planning department and District 5 Supervisor Arnold:

There are several issues related to the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry and the recent draft EIR that I am seeking to comment on and obtain more information regarding.

I would like to know the estimated direct impact that will occur for resident/commuter traffic along the proposed transit route for the Las Pilitas quarry project. Specifically, how often (e.g. every how many minutes) are trucks estimated to be departing from the quarry exit onto Highway 58? Has anyone looked at how these trucks will slow other vehicles (which can accelerate to the speeds typical for Highway 58 into Santa Margarita much more rapidly than the types of trucks proposed to be hauling aggregate from the proposed quarry)? Has anyone enumerated the number of vehicles currently using this route during the hours of the quarry's proposed operation? If so, how would this typical traffic pattern be expected to change? For example, if it typically takes a person approximately 10-15 minutes to drive from the quarry site on Highway 58 to the intersection of Hwy 58 and El Camino Real, how long would someone expect this same trip to take if adding the expected and type of quarry traffic being proposed?

Keep in mind that in the morning, when the quarry opens, there will be numerous trucks being filled and at the end of the day (i.e. 5-6pm) there will be trucks trying to get their last load in. Why am I asking for this information as opposed to the EIR providing it? Have the EIR consultants also added in the increased traffic to local area campsites (RVs) to reports of these impacts?

Why are we looking to open a new quarry when Hanson's has applied for an expansion that could more than meet the area's aggregate needs without causing any of the Highway 58 traffic problems?

Thank you for considering these points. I look forward to your response.

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